

4-H/FFA DAIRY REPLACEMENT HEIFER PROJECT

JUNIOR HEIFER CALF
90 TO 120 DAYS OLD

PURPOSE: A project which will enable 4-H and FFA members to raise and sell a quality heifer and, in doing so, learn the fundamentals of dairy heifer husbandry and management.

THE PLAN: A special project in which the youth participate in an agreement with and according to a written set of policies and procedures outlined by this document.

THE COMMITTEE: A voting committee composed of one 4-H dairy leader from each 4-H club in Glenn County and one from any 4-H club in another county which has 4-H members participating in the project. Also, up to four (4) 4-H dairy leaders at-large or dairy persons to be selected by the Glenn County 4-H Program Representative or Advisor. Other voting members will consist of the 4-H Program Representative or Advisor from participating counties and one FFA Advisor from each participating FFA Chapter. Any interested persons are invited to attend the meetings.

The Committee will be responsible for formulating and enforcing all policy in relation to the project.

A quorum shall be those in attendance at a meeting called, when all committee members with current addresses at the Cooperative Extension Office, have been notified.

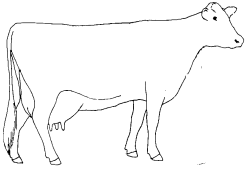
4-H - FFA DAIRY REPLACEMENT HEIFER PROJECT AGREEMENT (UCCE Office, P.O. Box 697, Orland, CA 95963)

The Junior Heifer Calf agreement (Form A) is due to the Cooperative Extension Office on **the first Friday of December**. Form B is due **March 8, 2019**.

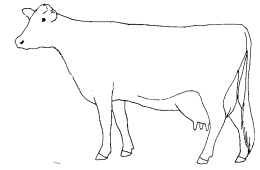
Up-to-date Dam DHIA record or genomic record, Bill of Sale or copy, and photo I.D. or drawing of markings for each heifer are due in the **Glenn County UCCE Office** by **March 8th**. **All paperwork must be completed to participate in the program.**

- 1) Any duly enrolled 4-H or FFA member, under the supervision of a 4-H Leader or FFA Advisor, in any of the following counties are eligible to participate in the project if they follow the agreement. (Glenn, Tehama, Butte, Lake, Shasta, Mendocino and Colusa Counties.)
- 2) The member shall purchase their heifer with the approval of the 4-H dairy leader or FFA Advisor. The animal must be positively identified by a 4-H leader or FFA Advisor by official permanent identification (i.e. RFID tag). A limit of one heifer for sale each year.
- 3) The dam can be a grade or registered cow with a minimum 500 lbs. Butterfat (305-day record) official DHIA or DHIR record. The heifer calf must be sired by a registered bull. The calf may be genomic tested as an alternative to DHIA record with a minimum of breed average butterfat or Net Merit Dollars (Breed Average = 0). Samples for genomic analysis must be collected by March 15.
- 4) Heifers must be a recognized dairy breed. Crossbred heifers are not allowed.
- 5) A Junior Heifer Calf must be purchased by March 1st of the year of the sale. Bill of Sale is required.

- 6) The member must have access to adequate housing and feed before entering into this project. If inadequate feed or management is indicated, the project agreement may be terminated by a 3-person committee including a local veterinarian, the leader of the Replacement Heifer project and the 4-H dairy project leader or FFA Advisor.
- 7) Accurate 4-H or FFA records must be kept up-to-date and subject to committee inspection.
- 8) The year your animal sells, you agree to take part in the planning and participate in the preparation for the sale.
- 9) The youth will see that the heifer calf is dehorned. Extra teats must be removed from the heifer calf. Member should seek veterinary guidance regarding additional vaccination and measures to ensure good health for the heifer calf.
- 10) The youth must train the heifer calf to lead and fit her properly for the show and sale. All heifers must be **exhibited and sold by the owner** at the Glenn County Fair or the Black and White Sale in Glenn County the year she is to be sold. The heifer calf may be shown at any other fairs for which they are eligible.
- 11) The heifer must be sold at the Glenn County Fair or the Black and White Sale in Glenn County. A commission will be charged to cover sales expenses.
- 12) Prior to the sale, a veterinarian will inspect all heifers. At this time, your heifer could be eliminated from the sale.
- 13) If the committee feels at any time that the member is not meeting the agreement requirements, the committee (by a majority vote) shall have the authority to cancel any member's agreement to participate in the project or sale. The committee has the authority to change or waive any of the agreement rules.
- 14) If the member drops from the project, the original owner has first chance at purchasing the heifer calf.
- 15) You must bring a bill of sale and brand inspection slip with you when you bring the heifer calf to the sale. Registration papers need to be checked and then transferred after sale, if applicable. This is the responsibility of the seller, not the buyer.
- 16) If the withdrawal period for ANY medication will extend past the date of the sale, it must be reported to the Replacement Heifer project leader and announced at the time the heifer sells.
- 17) Members may participate in the Junior Calf Replacement Heifer Project for a total of 4 years.



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 P. O. Box 697, Orland, CA 95963
 email: glenn@ucanr.edu
Deadline: First Friday in December
 Junior Heifer Calf Agreement
FORM A



MEMBER'S NAME: _____ **CLUB/CHAPTER:** _____

MEMBER'S EMAIL: _____

I will participate and agree to the requirements written in this Dairy Heifer Calf Project Agreement.

Signature of Member

Club or Chapter & County

Address

Phone Number

City

Zip Code

Signature of 4-H Dairy Leader or FFA Advisor

Signature of Parent

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FORM B

MEMBER'S NAME: _____ **CLUB/CHAPTER:** _____

MEMBER'S EMAIL: _____

LEADER'S NAME: _____ **LEADER'S PHONE:** _____

LEADER'S EMAIL: _____

Heifer's Name _____ **Date Born** _____

Ear Tag # _____ **Breed** _____

Date Purchased _____ **Purchased From** _____

PEDIGREE

Sire: (Name, Registration #, or AI Code #) _____

Dam: (Name and/or ID#) _____

(This information can be obtained from the DHIA Individual Cow Record.)

Dam's Record

Age at Calving	Days Milked	305-day Lbs. Milk	305-day % Fat	305-day Lbs. Fat	305-day % SNF or Protein	305-day Lbs. SNF or Protein

PICTURE OF CALF MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS FORM

4-H/FFA DAIRY REPLACEMENT HEIFER GUIDELINES
JUNIOR HEIFER CALF
2018-2019

Date of Birth: January 16, 2019 to February 15, 2019

Form A Due: the first Friday of December

Purchase Date: Prior to March 1, 2019

Form B Due: March 8, 2019

Sale Date: Friday, May 17, 2019

Helpful Hints for Healthy Calves:

- ✓ Be sure your calf received an adequate amount of colostrum within 24 hours of birth.
- ✓ Watch for any of the following signs:
 - Loss of appetite
 - Watery or bloody diarrhea
 - Cough, nasal discharge or labored breathing
 - Head tilt or ear droop
 - Weakness or inability to stand
 - Depressed attitude
 - Lameness

Immediately contact your project leader or veterinarian if any of these signs are present!

- ✓ Ask your veterinarian about vaccination protocols for your calf.
- ✓ Be sure water is always accessible.